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**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.322**

It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued in accordance with the enclosed Form PTO-1050. The error involved is believed to be a Patent Office error, and it is believed that no fee is due in association with this request for a Certificate of Correction. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

It is respectfully submitted that a significant error is present in the printed patent, that correction thereof in accordance with the enclosed Form PTO-1050 is required in order that no misunderstanding will occur.

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It is certified that errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Face Page, Right Column, Other Publications, Lines 8 and 9, after "Bellcore 1999" delete ", Mar. 12, 2004".

Face Page, (56) Referenced Cited, insert "5,930,232 A 7/1999 Miller".  
Column 2, Line 44, after "protection request" delete ",".

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